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Taxing Mortgages.

The house of representatives has passed Union Labor Elder's bill for the taxation of mortgages and bonds The assessor is to ferret out the mortgages and each one is to be stamped "assessed." If not so stamped they are to be worthless and uncollectable. There are two things which are evident in connection with the bill. The first is that it can never become a law on account of the senate and governor. both of which are in favor of standing by the state's honor and of doing nothing to hinder the confidence which is and has been manifested by eastern investors in our business projects.

The second is the fact that no good can result to the borrower even should the bill become a law. On this point we cannot do better than quote from the McPherson Freeman in which the editor, Senator H. B. Kelly, who generally takes an "inside" view of economic questions, has this to say:

Shall mortgages be taxed? is a quesmeasure of relief in the proposition? popularity. All tax falls on the consumer. All costs in the production of commodities, expense of insuring it against loss, cost of carrying to the consumer or last purchaser is paid by such person. ciled, has location, is tangible, constituting the real wealth of the country. Money is a traveler, has no domicile, is not the substance but merely the liance legislation. It would be strange exchange of product and real property.

Any burden placed upon money is a manipulations injuring the credit and manipulations injuring the credit of money. A man carrying on herseback two hundred pounds weight thinking men who have been hood would not lessen the load to the horse by placing one hundred pounds upon his own shoulders. Should a tax be placed upon money loaned, the borrower would be charged the usual rate of interest with the addition of the tax in the locality. This natural law of selling and buying, letting and hiring, cannot be changed by act of legislation.

To fix the interest at lowest current rate and then to tax the loan would simply operate to prevent the borrower from obtaining the money, the state having no power to force the loan. To fiscation, as such an act would have the effect of destroying the value of the obligation, and as a matpeople and the state are one. The people and the state are in debt. people have a state life to maintain, and to do this it is proposed to tax what they owe. It is exactly the same thing as a man attempting to live upon the interest of what he owes.

In view of these two facts the alli ance members of the house are doing not only an unwise but an impolitic thing in proposing such crazy schemes as they have been putting before the people. It will be a relief when their career of crankism is over.

Patronize Home Industries.

Clay Center Times: The Kansas Farmers' Fire Insurance company was reorganized at Abilene a few days ago and its capital considerably increased. It strikes an outsider, who knows nothing further of insurance than that after a loss it is often worth the face of the policy to collect it, that it would be a wise policy to enact a law favoring home companies, and then allow the state administration to devote time and encouragement to the upbuilding of such institutions. Talk about rings, combines, trusts, unholy alliances of every kind! The old line companies are among the very worst oppressors on the face of the earth. Might makes right with them, and they are fast growing strong enough to do almost

Why He Succeeded.

One of the happiest men we know in Dickinson county is a farmer who came here with little but his team and single politician and only a few shrewd wagon. During his twelve years resi- financiers, appears to be under the imdence here he has paid for and stocked pression that Mr. Grover Cleveland is well a quarter section of land, given running the administrative machinery his family all the necessities and many of the United States; and it would General Sherman as to what creed he claim, "Fish-hooks!" after each sneeze. of the luxuries, and has besides kept snrprise a very few Englishmen to see himself fully abreast of the times, tak- a Washington dispatch in their newsing magazines and papers so numerous papers announcing that Mr. Cleveland that his neighbors deem him wonder- has ordered the arrest and execution fully extravagant in that line. He has of the bold and bad silver men whose succeeded because he has done with machinations make Indian rupee paper his might what his hand found to do. fluctuate to a degree most distressing He has made farming as much a study to British investors." as the preacher has the ministry or the Who did the English think they editor, journalism. He did not get were hitting a few months ago when

The death of General W. T. Shernan as related in our dispatches today always been regarded by those who the statute books,-|Herington Times.

Old Tecumseh.

Election Bills Probable.

Tecumseh Sherman.

as govern male voters. This with the weak-kneed neighbor is finding it out. bill now under consideration to allow women to vote for state and county officers and representatives in congress will if they are passed establish absolute equal suffrage in this state. The United States constitution leaves the matter entirely in the hands of the several states. There is nothing in the state constitution to prevent the passage and enforcement of these laws and the judiciary committee will so report. The Australian ballot system will likely be adopted at this session, Both the republican and the peoples party conventions declared for it. Each of the election laws submitted has incortion asked by many. Is there any porated it because of its recognized

Some Sense Left.

It has come. We thought it would sooner or later. We did not believe Property, real or personal, is domi- the sensible farmers of Kansas would forever stand the foolishness that is going on at Topeka in the name of alshadow of property, is not of itself if the cranks and repudiators who are wealth, but the agent employed in the by their boisterous and unprincipled burden that must be borne by the user name of Kansas the nation over should winked into foisting them into office.

The following special dispatch to the Kansas City Times speaks for itself: PAOLA, Kas., Feb. 14.-The Miami county farmers mutual benefit association, today in regular assembly meeting, passed the fol-

WHEREAS, We of the F. M. B. A. voted the people's ticket for legislative candidates last fall with the understanding that said candidate, if elected, would aid in passing aws for the benefit of the debtor class; and WHERFAS, A bill has already passed the couse of the Kansas legislature that will injure the debtor class, especially farmers; Therefore, We protest against said bill and tax existing mortgages where a rate of interest has been heretofore agreed upon, would be but little short of contaxation of notes, etc. Further that we favor a law making money and notes nor

The thinking men of the state knew ter of equity the courts would in this weeks ago but it is dollars to all probability set the tax aside. The doughnuts that the legislators will not The learn it until after they adjourn.

Quay's Explanation.

States by Senator Quay to the sensational charges which have been brought against him was without a shadow of ambiguity. He denounced the originators of the rumors as liars and the rumors as lies. No man in public life in recent years has been so fearfully maligned as Senator Quay and no man has more amply shown his ability to keep his mouth shut. With all the abuse that was heaped upon him the doughty senator vouchsafed not a word until he deemed the time had come for an explanation and then when it was not expected he made a full and complete denial. It would be a monstrous travesty on justice if Mr. Quay had been allowed to retain his place in the senate if one-tenth of the charges against him were true. As a matter of fact no one except a few bourbon extremists ever thought they were true. Mr. Quay has been unforthe class of men who are always ready to kick a man who is down have been hard after him. He defies his enemies to bring proof of their charges. Now is a good time for them to present

Who Were They Hitting.

A dispatch from London says: 'Everybody here, excepting not a

ideas by standing on the street corners they howled at President Harrison for underlie the christian system. He ty-three of them had passed \$50 worth commander of the forces in the northtalking politics and whittling dry goods signing the McKinley bill and standing boxes. He has succeeded because he for protection which helped the United kindly. He fulfilled to the limit of the had made a profit of \$3 per day for the ated both by jealousy and desire made life a business and not a pastime, States at England's expense? These and his profession a study instead of a fake cablegrams from London are get- tions as a husband, father, friend and as going around instructing country phatically endorse General Miles' ting as fishy as specials from Wichita. Patriot. It matters not what his creed siliances in grips and signs.

The Wobbler in Politics.

The Dickinson County News is kept bus defending the officers whom the people' party elected to power last fall. The Newwill cause a thrill of pain to touch the isfamous, in fact, for defending the weakhearts of thousands of brave boys in lings of the earth, which is the only thing it blue who knew and loved the gallant can do so long as it holds the position in leader. Sherman was a particularly however, that is forced to content itself with lovable man if we may judge from the defending other political parties than its hearty enthusiasm with which he has own, has little if any part in the honor either of making or enforcing the laws upon

served under him. Brusk, unconven- The Times is emphatically right. The tional, independent and sturdy of class of papers which the News repremind, he was ever looked upon as "one sents is utterly out in the cold no matof the boys" and no old soldier felt ter what happens. The world admires afraid to grasp his hand notwithstand- pluck and consistency. A democrat ing their difference in station. Always has much more respect for a straight keeping clear of politics he made few out republican paper than for a wishyenemies and his friends were almost as washy sheet that pretends to be demonumerous south of Mason and Dixon's cratic but is "good Lord, good devil" line as north of it-for even those on everything. It took a column of whom he conquered bore him no ill- the News' space a few weeks ago to ex will. Kansas is particularly sad over plain where it stood and then it didn't Sherman's death for he was once a tell. It is trying to ride a democratic resident of the state. One by one the horse with one foot and an alliance great figures of the days of the rebellion steed with the other. Athough they are passing away. Indeed nearly all are going in parallel lines they are not are gone. Among them none will be close enough together to make a solid mourned more sincerely than William team and the gyrations of our contemporary are painful to witness.

The News has wobbled about in politics until nobody knows where to find The Kansas house is hot after elec- it or what it represents. It is afraid tion bills. The judiciary committee is to say its soul is its own for fear of ofconsidering the constitutionality of a fending somebody and when it is combill to grant to women the right to pelled to take a stand copies what the vote for electors of president and vice- Reflector or some other paper says. president under the same regulations It is a policy that don't pay and our

Straddling Silver. There is a good deal of sentimental nonsense in the claim of the democrats that Mr. Cleveland's letter opposing the free coinage of silver was a courageous act. It was the act of a shrewd presidency in 1892. Without the New York delegation Mr. Cleveland could not hope to secure the democratic nomination and without New York's electoral vote neither Mr. Cleveand nor any other democrat can be elected president in 1892.

card he has to play for the support of

his own state. He knows that the members of his party care very little for consistency and much less for political principles, ipon economic questions. He has have been familiar to all ever since his famous silver messages to congress, yet the democrats have kept up a constant hurrah for him and for free silver at the same time. And now that he has announced himself in favor of the 'gold bugs" of the east, they publicly announce that "if he will accept a nomination on a free silver platform, and Janus-like present two faces, a white one toward the southwest and a yellow one toward the east, he shall

The K. C. Times has already assumed an attitude preparatory to mounting straddle of the fence on the

If it turns out that Mr. Cleveland will accept a nomination on a free The answer offered in the United silver platform, with the understanding that he will execute with the benest of the party, the democrats will be inclined to retain the leader who following: concentrated the fight on tariff reform.

The anomalous position in which taken into consideration by the leaders of the democratic party. Although he may believe that the "greatest perils people are to be told that this great face. democratic leader is willing to stupefy willing to precipitate what he considers | table cloth. a "dangerous and reckless experiment"

There is probably no doubt but the ex-president would be willing to make is too warm, do not pull off your coat any kind of promises 'or assume any and vest. number of attitudes however inconsistent in order to regain the presidency. to the country on last Thursday, he coffee. was thoroughly acquainted with the entire absence of intellectual honesty and political integrity among southern and western democrats and knew their capacity for straddling political issues. No one will be surprised if the democrats nominate for president in 1892 a 'gold bug" and place him on a free silver platform. It would be quite consistent with the past record of that

Protestant or Catholic.

An unseemly and discourteous dispute arose during the dying hours of favored and Protestant and Catholic appear that he believed in their respective doctrine. In any case a matter unfit for public dispute it was particulary unseemly in that of the departed that house except upon further presswarrior. In his dealings with his fellow men the dead commander, to quote an appreciative writer, "exwas just and honest, and pure and of the "queer," and only five of them west and indicates that he was actumost faithful performance his obliga- time engaged. It does not pay as well for personal glory. The west will em-

may have been so long as he illustrated in his life and character the great essential virtues which go to make a oble and blameless manhood."

More than that it matters little in any case. The short span of life which or and Bion Hutchins is scared. joins two eternities is not bounded by peculiar creeds and dogmas. The essentials of life and truth are not forms and ceremonies but such right living as harmonizes with the eternal principles of righteousness. The old discord between the churches is rapidly being done away with. There is coming to be recognized a broad charity enwraping in its ample folds Protestant and Catholic alike, which makes church forms and customs subordinate Lease blushed only once during the to purity of soul and life. It is a campaign and that was when Jerry charity and a wholesome christianity Simpson asked her if she had ever seen which is better for the world and better for the individual.

What They Are.

Somebody has been gathering some interesting statistics regarding the members of the Kansas house of representatives. They are valuable as showing what kind of men the farmers chose to legislate for them. The re-

"In this body of ninety-six alliance nen, there are forty-eight farmers in toto, fifteen preachers, both active and quondam, and eleven school teachers. It is true that there is a difference of twenty-two in the numbers of the two classes-farmers and preachers and in numbers of farmers is the only reason for this.

"Fifteen of these forty-eight farmers are fancy stock raisers and that finepolitical demagogue who knows his Possibly the claims of belonging to a called on him. party better than it knows itself. Mr. farming family of some of these ante-Cleveland as well as every one who is dates the members' grandparents. acquainted with the political situation | Taking away the agriculturist, then, of today knows that no man who there remain thirty-three actual farmadvocates the unlimited coinage of ers. This is the representation of the silver can carry New York for the farmers-one-third of the total alliance vote. Proportionally in numbers the farmers have one-third, but in rea importance of actual legislation they mittee work and the final shaping of rap on the head and a hard one, too. Mr. Cleveland's letter is the best the laws and the farmers' part is to

listen and to vote. "The members are not all natives of America. One member comes from Switzerland, another from England, one from Germany, two from Wales, He judges the capacity of western and two from Ireland. One man is from southern democrats aright when he Canada. There are two doctors among supposes they will still stand by him alliance crowd, two or three lawyers, gardless of any views he may hold notwithstanding their declarations terests of irrigation was held at Superagainst the bar and six carpenters. Jor, Neb., Saturday and passed ringing given them a long desired opportunity One telegrapher has managed to slip in resolutions asking aid from congress. o get astride of this silver question. too without an explanation. Most of The session is drawing so near a close, Although his views upon this question | the members have come to the state however, that special legislation is since 1870, but an ante-bellum Kansan hardly to be expected. can be picked out here and there. The religious views of the alliance are exemplary and surely set a precedent Democrat as given in another column, that following legislatures should emumen are active members of churches and religious societies. This is a wonderful showing for a body of law makers. The most of the sixty are Methodists and four are Roman Catholics. Only two of the whole number confess to entertaining no belief whatever."

Social Pointers.

George W. Crane, of Topeka, has is med a little handbook for the alliance members, about half of it being given up to pointers on social forms and customs in the capital. The Troy Chief thinks the list incomplete and adds the

2. In telling a lady a joke about would be initiated" by a bill providing your hogs or cattle, don't dig her in will become still better under his for the free coinage of silver, yet the the ribs with your fist or "rift" in her guidance.

3. Do not make aromatic noises at his conscience and that he would be the table or blow your nose on the 4. Do not take off your boots in the

apon the country for the sake of being parlor and run your fingers between your toes. 5. If the temperature of the parlor

6. It is not usually considered good

breeding to clean out your ears with And when he gave his anti-silver letter the sugar tongs while waiting for 7. Do not lay your quid of tobacco

on the corner of the table during the meal; place it on the marble center 8. If you chew tobacco, never spit on the carpet; always spit on the stove

where the heat soon dries it up. 9. If you find a hair in the biscuit, never hold it up to the light and compare it with that of your hostess; but lay it carefully on the table cloth and invert your saucer over it.

10. If you are compelled to sneeze in the presence of company, do not ex-11. If tooth-picks are passed around

remind you of, about Dublin, Indiana. 12. If you are invited out to dine, do not become a regular boarder at

Col. Forsythe is overwhelmed with congratulations on his exoneration from General Miles' charges,

There are five bills pending for doing away with the office of state oil inspect-

Council Grove Republican: It is said that the alliance pass-word has been changed to "Plumb Next."

Kansas is so ashamed of the niggardly appropriation the legislature proposes to give for the World's fair exhibit that it dreads to see the big show mentioned.

Topeka Capital: They say Mrs. the Cherokee strip,

The legislature will blow in about \$10,000 worth of the state's time and money investigating this winter old matters which everybody has forgotten except a few union labor howlers.

If the legislature wants to do something practical why does it not take from the Kansas Farmer the publishing of stray notices and let the county papers publish them so they will be

The Kansas Farmer publishes entire J. E. Nissley's paper on "How to Manage a Creamery" read before the State Dairy association. Mr. Nissley is one teachers-but the great preponderance of the best informed creamery men in the state.

"You must not expect that you and your children will always be fed by the government of the United States withhaired, enameled variety of farmer out working yourselves," said Presicommonly designated as agriculturist. dent Harrison to the Indian chiefs who

The state senate took the same view of the insurance commissionership as the REFLECTOR and has confirmed Mr. McBride's appointment. It is believed that hereafter no blackguardism will be found in state documents.

The Hope Herald says that resubmission has reared its head in the hayen't that much. For it is the Kansas legislature and that the senate preacher, the teacher and the agricul- will give it a rap on the first opporturist who do the debating, the com- tunity. It would be better to give it a

> Gold is at a premium of 234 in the Argentine Republic, and the gap between that metal and the paper currency is steadily broadening. Yet this is the kind of wild-cat financiering the peoples party would foist on this coun-

> A inter-state convention in the in-

The Abilene dispatch to the Globegives a graphic account of the new movement of the alliance. There is little doubt that the smaller towns and cities are next in line in the peoples party estimation but they will not be such easy prey as was the country.

At a teachers' examination at Leavenworth the other day eighteen applicants presented themselves for certificates, but only nine of them passed. It is a pity that they did not come to Dickinson county where the bars are so low that even he who knows but 40 per cent of what he intends to teach may jump.

Del Valentine is now sole editor and proprietor of the Clay Center Times as 1. In calling upon a lady, if you he has been for a long time the chief wear overshoes and the weather is manager, J. P. Campbell becomes this would place Mr. Cleveland is not muddy, carefully remove them after cashier of a Clay Center bank. Mr. Valentine is one of the brightest newspaper men in Kansas, or indeed in the west, and the already model Times

A brainy pointer from the Wichita Eagle: The Wichita republicans who voted for Simpson last fall will please note the fact that Jerry is down at Springfield, Ill., engaged in a scheme to elect a democrat rather than a republican to the United States senate, and that Jerry said he freely confessed and hoped that the senator would be a

A last Grover Cleveland has been prodded into saying over his signature what his ideas on the silver question are. He pronounces emphatically against free coinage and in favor of Wall street. Those democratic papers which have been howling that Cleveland was for free silver will now hunt around for a small knot hole into which they can crawl.

Leavenworth Times: 'The Abilene REFLECTOR notes the failure of 50 percent of a class recently examined by the county superintendent for teachers' certificates in this county and advises them to go to Dickinson county cent in the examination will pass an applicant. The REFLECTOR hasn't an clergy were alike anxious to make it at the table, do not tell a story they average of over 39 per cent of respect for Dickinson county's superintendent.

> The complete exoneration of Col. Forsythe from the charges preferred by General Miles will be received with pleasure by the colonel's many friends in Kansas. The investigation shows a

ANNUAL STATEMENT

for the year ending Dece - ber \$1st 1890, of the condition and affairs of the

organized under the laws of the State of Kansas, made to the Superintendent of Insurance for the State of Kansar, in pursuance of the laws of said State.

G. C. STERL, President,

mount of risks added or insured during the past year

Total amount of resources ..

W. A. BURBANK, Secretary.

.\$1,289,549 22

28,019 53

Organized March, 1882, reorganized and capital increased Feb., 1891. Guaranteed Capital \$100,000.00.

1-MEMBERS

umber of members of the Company, December 31st, previous year umber of members added the past year	5,735 2,445
AUM	8,170
umber of policies have been canceled or expired during the year	2,027
umber of risks outstanding to the Company December 31, 1890	6,143
11-AMOUNT AT RISK.	
mount at plate an evaporate featured on the first day of from a	

Amount of risks canceled, withdrawn, or terminated during the past year..... Amount at risk by the Company December 31, 1890

111-RESOURCES	
Stock and Bonds owned by Company as per list attached hereto	125,495 %
Amount of cash belonging to the Company, deposited in bank, Feb. 17, 1861, (Name bank and amount in cash.) Citizens bank Bills Rec. taken for premiums. Amount of all other resources, viz: (Describe each item giving amount) Premiums in course of collection (agents balance). Office Furniture \$1,281.89. Reinsurance due Company 703.19.	5,544 8 36,563 6 5,956 6 1,985 0

IV-LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses not due (600 of this unadjusted)		
against the Company: (Give name and amount of each item.)		15,688 30
Total amount of liabilities Feb. 17, 1891		13,658 30
Surplus	8	161,856 96
Total	\$	175,545 98
V-INCOME.		
Cash in Company's office and deposited in Bank December 31, 1889	\$	2,880 78

Amount of cash premiums received during the year.

Amount collected during the year on assessments that were levied during the previous year.

Amount received for membership or policy fees \$881.01 (same retained by agents.)

Amount received as an income from all other sources, (Specify each item) Bills received \$4,007.95, Interest \$342.25 Bills pay \$4,201.00 Div.

١	, VI-EXPENDITURES.
	Amount paid for losses occurring during the year

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss:

G. C. Sterl, President, and W. A. Burbank, Secretary, of the Kansas Farmers Fire Insurance Company, being duly sworn, depose and say, and each for himself says: That they are the above described officers of said Company, and that on the 17th day of February last, all of the forevoing described assets were the absolute property of the said Company. erty of the said Company, free and clear from any and all claims or liens thereon, except as hereinbefore stated; and that the foregoing statements, by them subscribed, are a full and co-rect exhibit of all the liabilities, and of the income and expenditures, and of the general condition and affairs of said Company on the said 17th day of February last, and

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February, A. D. 1891.

L. H. WORTHINGTON, Notary Public.

My commission expires December 30th, 1888.

MARKET REPORTS.

Total expenditures during the year ...

Grain and Provision

KANSAS CITT, Feb. 17. FLOUR-Stendy; family, \$1.15@1.25; fancy, \$1.65@1.70; patents, \$2.15@2.20. WHEAT-Firmer No. 2 hard eash, 85c bid: May, 874c bid, 874c asked; No. 2 red cash, Hogs, per 100 lbs.

CORN-Steady; No. 2 cash, 404ge bid, 4 %c asked; May, 484c; No. 2 white, cash, 49@ 494e; May, 504e bid 514c asked. OATS-No. 2 cash, 411) c bid, 4412c asked. RYE-No. 2 cash "64se bid. PRODUCE-Butter, firm; fancy creamers

6c; fancy dairy, 1922ic. Eggs, weak at 12c. Provisions-Hams (sugar cured), 84 a 94c; breakfast bacon, 74c mess pork, \$11.25; tierce lard (pure) \$6.37%. CATTLE-Lower; dressed beef and ship- High School and Chapman Notes. ping, \$4.10@4.55, cows, \$2.25@3.40; stockers ind feeders, \$1.8.43.50.

SHEEP-Quiet at \$4,25@4.40, Hogs-Firmer; tops, \$3.45; bulk, \$3.20@3.40

St. Louis, Feb. 17. FLOUR-Steady; family, \$3.10@3.25; choi

\$3,40@3.60; fancy, \$3.95@ 1.10; patents, \$4.70@ WHEAT-Steady; No. 3 red cash, 160+697c; May, 974 2984;c; July, 874 2834c. Conn-Lower; No. 2 cash, 500 504e; May, 504 @504c; July, 504 @504c.

OATS-Quiet; No. 2 cash, 4512c; May, 4540 PRODUCE-Butter, firm; creamery, 24@26c lairy, #1028c. Eggs, lower at 12c. PROVISIONS-Pork, \$9.65 @ 9.70, Lard, \$5.40 Bacon, boxed shoulders, \$4 50; longs and ribs, \$5.15@5.20; short clear, \$5.30.

CBTILE-Easy good to fancy natives, \$3.90 @4 60: stockers, \$2,40@3.40. SHEEP-Steady; fair to choice, \$4,00@5.20. He has the congratulations and best Hogs-Quiet; heavy, \$3.50@3.60; light, \$3.25

CHICAGO, Feb. 17. FLOUR-Unchanged; spring patents, \$4.40@ 4.80; winter patents, \$4.50@4.80. WHEAT-Steady; No. 2 spring, 84%c; No. 3 spring, 87c; No. 2 red, 974c.

RYE-No. 8, 78c. PRODUCE-Butter, active; fancy creamery, 26327c; extra dairy, 23224c. Eggs, 15216c. PROVISIONS-Pork mess, \$9.25, Lard, \$5.55@ 5.67%. Short rib sides, loose, 14.50@4.55. Dry saited meats, boxed shoulders, \$8.9024.00; short clear sides, boxed, \$4.75@4.80 CATTLE-Steady; prime to fancy steers, \$4.95@5.50; medium to choice, \$2.25@4.75.

SHEEP-Active; natives, \$3.00@5.59. Hoos-Weaker; mixed, \$250@255; heavy,

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. FLOUR-Dull; winter wheat, low grades, \$4.50@4.00; fair to fancy, \$4.10@5.05; patents, WHEAT-Dull; No. 2 red \$1.11% in elevator No. 3, \$1.0442; ungraded, \$1.0544@1.1242; No. red, February, \$1.111/2; May, \$1.06%; July,

\$1.00\(\frac{1}{2}\); December, \$7\(\frac{1}{2}\) \$98\(\frac{1}{2}\)c.

CORN—Steadier; No. 2, \$2\(\frac{1}{2}\)\$2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c in elevator; February, 62%@62%e; May, 59@50%e; July, 5814-2050c OATS-Stendy; No.2 white, 52% @5:4c; mixed western, 51@54c; white do., 53@62c. PRODUCE-Butter, active; western dairy,

11@21c: western creamery, 18@28c: Elgins. 284c. Eggs, quiet; western, 164c. PROVISIONS-Pork, active; old mess, \$9.25@ emplified the great principles which in the last eighteen months, only twen- most unkind spirit on the part of the 10.25; new mess, \$10.50@11.25. Middles, quiet;

za e. ciuis, a Comanche County stockman, was in a yard at Witchita, Kan,, when a heavy pig tripped up his horse and he was pitched off and his head struck a projecting rock in the corral fence. He died instantly.

ABILENE MARKETS. ABILENE, KAR., Feb. 19. (Corrected weekly by B. F. Nelson.) Butter, good ... Potatoes...... Flour, per 100 lbs.....

Special REFLECTOR Correspondence.

CHAPMAN, Feb. 18 .- Prof. Gaines has received a list of premiums offered by some noble eastern man for the best oratory shown by any of the students. This must be shown through some temperance recitation.

We are glad to welcome back our old

students viz: Misses Gafney and Stokley, also Messrs. Ryan and Dedrick of Detroit. Jeff Rexroat, one of our mosr prominent students, has stopped school and was married to Miss Bessie Barnes.

wishes of all the students. Quite a number of the students expect to attend the institute at Detroit next Saturday. An enjoyable time is predicted.

The lecture given Wednesday evening by Prof. Blake, of Baker university, was well worth hearing. The professor gave an experimental lecture upon electricity. It was very fine. All

were benefited. The principal occupation of the farmers and citizens generally is that of hauling wood and wheat.

A few citizens have been fortunate enough to secure a portion of the little ice we have had. We fear it will be hard upon our meat markets if no more is to be had.

Was it not that Mr. Gardner's life is important he would have been drowned long since. He fell into the river about three years ago and it seems to bave become babitual to him, This bas been proved by the fact that he has fallen into the river every winter since while taking out ice.

FOR SALE .- Old Exchanges at 20c per 100. In quire at this office.

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